IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Confirmation No.: 2719

GUNTHER et al. Art Unit: 1625

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I.A. Date: August 13, 2004 Atty. Docket: 2400.0200000/JMC/THN

For: Method For Producing a-Fluoromalonic

Acid Dialkyl Esters

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 24, 2008, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment and Reply is accompanied by a Declaration of Andreas Guenther under 37 C.F.R § 1.132 and an electronic petition for a 2-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.